



Swan Lane First School Newsletter

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Dates for your Diary:

Friday 11th December - Christmas Jumper Day (non uniform) with a donation to Save the Children

Wednesday 16th December - Christmas Party Day (non school uniform)

Friday 18th December - End of Autumn 2 Term

Monday 4th January 2021 - TED Day. School closed for children

Tuesday 5th January - First day of Spring 1 term for children

What has been happening at Swan Lane recently?

Reception:

Reception held a Diwali party where they tried on traditional dress, cooked and tasted Indian food and danced to Indian music. This week they have been decorating plant pots ready to plant some bulbs, we can't wait to see how they turn out!



Year 1:

Year 1 have focused on instructional writing this week and created their own set of instructions to make a pizza. Children started off the week designing their own pizza to look like a face. They had to write a shopping list of the ingredients they needed. On Tuesday, they got to make their pizza and taste the delicious food they had created. Everybody had lots of fun learning new skills and talked about how they would love to cook more food at home and in school.



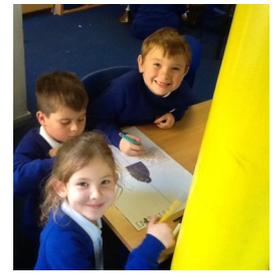
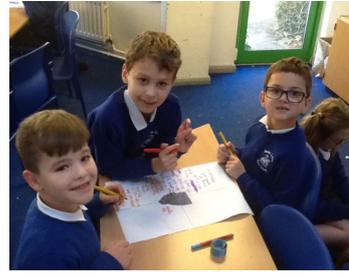
Year 2:

We have had a busy term in Year 2 so far, with the highlight being the wedding we had in school! More recently we have been immersing ourselves into the world of chocolate! We held a tasting session during the early part of the week and have used this experience as a stimulus for writing some wonderful sentences.



Year 3:

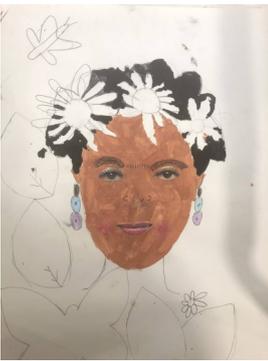
So far Year 3 have learned a lot about Ancient Egypt, produced some lovely pieces of art and, more recently, have been very busy producing fantastic writing based on Roald Dahl's *The Twits*. This week they are continuing to learn more about volcanoes & rocks as part of their Science and Geography topics. They have also had lots of fun building dens and exploring forest school.



Year 4:

Year 4 began the year by focusing on WWII and had great fun re-creating a World War 2 rationing recipe in their DT lessons. They tasted and evaluated cakes before improving on a tea loaf recipe by adding sultanas and spices, however they concluded that today's baking confectionery is tastier!

Year 4's more recent focus has been on Frida Kahlo. The children are using her story and her art as inspiration for their writing and artwork.



Year 5:

Year 5 have been studying the Greek legend Theseus and the Minotaur, producing wonderful written pieces of writing based on it. Also, they have been conducting interesting experiments to investigate dissolution and learning lots about Tudor times.



PE:

Reception and KSI - This term has focused on Sports Skills. So far we have looked at throwing, catching and movement. This week has been dedicated to football. Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 have been working hard on their dribbling skills and controlling the ball!

KS2 - We have been working on our health and fitness this term. We have explored our muscles through circuits; why targets are important in exercise and how far the energy in a sweet can take us! This week has been dedicated to Yoga, with Year 5 teaching, designing and leading their peers through their own Yoga routines!

Virtual School Games - We have been working hard to set scores for the KS2 Pentathlon and KSI Infant Agility competitions as part of the Worcestershire School Games. These scores will be sent off this week to see how our pupils have fared against other schools in the county!

COVID 19.

If any member of your household develops COVID 19 symptoms please ensure that you book a test. All members of the household, including all children must self-isolate until the test result is received. A negative result means that your child can return to school (unless they have been identified as a close contact of someone who has tested positive for COVID 19). A positive result means your child must self-isolate at home for 14 days from the onset of their symptoms or 14 days from the test date if the household member had no symptoms. If you require any further guidance please use [this COVID-19 link](#) or contact the school office.